

## MOROCCO

### a. SUMMARY OF CLAIMS

TYPE	DATE	SOURCE	LIMITS	NOTES
I. TERRITORIAL SEA	Mar 73	Law No. 1.73.211	12nm	
	Jul 75	Decree	12nm	Specified limits in Strait of Gibraltar by coordinates.
II. ARCHIPELAGIC, STRAIGHT BASELINES, & HISTORIC CLAIMS	Jul 75	Decree 2.75.31		Straight baselines established.
III. CONTIGUOUS ZONE	Apr 81	Act. No. 1.81.179	24nm	
IV. CONTINENTAL SHELF	Jul 58	Law No. 1.58.277	1958 DEF	
V. FISHING ZONE/EEZ	Jun 62	Law No. 1.59.964	12nm	Fishing zone; 6nm in Strait of Gibraltar.
	Mar 73	Law No. 1.73.211	70nm	
	Apr 81	Act No. 1.81.179	200nm	
VII. MARITIME BOUNDARIES	Nov 76	Agreement		Continental shelf boundary agreement with Mauritania
VIII. LOS CONVENTION	Dec 82			Signed.
	Oct 94			Signed Part XI Agreement.

### b. DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

#### 1. STRAIGHT BASELINES

**A. LEGISLATION.** Following are extracts of Decree 2.75.31 of 21 July 1975 in which the Government of Morocco established a straight baseline system:

Article 1. The bays, roadsteads, coves, islets, rocks, and other features of the Moroccan coasts listed below are included in Moroccan internal waters in accordance with the closing lines whose geographical coordinates are hereinafter specified:

On the Atlantic side  
(from north to south)

From:	Feu de Ben Chergui:	Latitude:	33° 43', 8 N
		Longitude:	07° 20', 7 W
To:	Ras Mohammedia (Cap Fedala):	Latitude:	33° 43', 5 N
		Longitude:	07° 23', 9 W
From:	Ras Mohammedia (Cap Fedala):		(as above)
To:	Taraf El Hank (Pointe d'El Hank):	Latitude:	33° 36', 9 N
		Longitude:	07° 39', 2 W
From:	Taraf Azemmour (Pointe d' Azemmour):	Latitude:	33° 22', 4 N
		Longitude:	08° 17', 9 W

To:	Ras ElJadida (Cap Mazagan):	Latitude:	33° 16', 1 N
		Longitude:	08° 31', W
From:	Jorf El Asfar (Cap Blanc du Nord):	Latitude:	33° 09', 8 N
		Longitude:	08° 37', 8 W
To:	Taraf Sidi Moussa (Pointe Sidi Moussa):	Latitude:	33° 00', N
		Longitude:	08° 44', 8 W
From:	Ras Beddouza (Cap Cantin):	Latitude:	32° 32', 6 N
		Longitude:	09° 17', 2 W
To:	Ras Asfi (Cap Safi):	Latitude:	32° 21', 8 N
		Longitude:	09° 17', 6 W
From:	Ras Asfi (Cap Safi):	(as above)	
To:	Taraf Sidi Abderrahman (Pointe Sidi Abderrahman):	Latitude:	32° 06', 9 N
		Longitude:	09° 19', 4 W
From:	Sakhrat Ras Hadid (Rocher du Cap Hadid):	Latitude:	31° 41', 9 N
		Longitude:	09° 41', 4 W
To:	Jazirat Essaouira (Ile de Mogador):	Latitude:	31° 30', N
		Longitude:	09° 47', 7 W
From:	Jazirat Essaouira (Ile de Mogador):	(as above)	
To:	Ras Sim (Cap Sim):	Latitude:	31° 23', 5 N
		Longitude:	09° 50', 8 W
From:	Ras Sim (Cap Sim):	(as above)	
To:	Ras Tafelney (Cap Tafelney):	Latitude:	31° 06', 3 N
		Longitude:	09° 50', 6 W
From:	Ras Tafelney (Cap Tafelney):	(as above)	
To:	Taraf Tamri (Pointe Tamri):	Latitude:	30° 42', 2 N
		Longitude:	09° 52', 5 W
From:	Ras Ghir (Cap Rhir):	Latitude:	30° 37', 9 N
		Longitude:	09° 52', 5 W
To:	Feu de Taraf Aghesdis (Feu de la Pointe Arhesdis):	Latitude:	30° 26', 1 N
		Longitude:	09° 38', 7 W
From:	Feu de Taraf Aghesdis (Feu de la Pointe Arhesdis):	(as above)	
To:	Taraf Tifnit (Pointe Tifnit):	Latitude:	30° 12', 1 N
		Longitude:	09° 38', 7 W

Strait of Gibraltar and the Mediterranean side  
(from west to east)

From:	Taraf Al Farte (Pointe Frailecito):	Latitude:	35° 47', 8 N
		Longitude:	05° 54', 6 W
To:	Taraf AlQawareb (Pointe Lancones):	Latitude:	35° 54', 6 N
		Longitude:	05° 27', 8 W

From:	Taraf AlQawareb (Pointe Lanchones):	(as above)	
To:	Taraf Allabua (Pointe Leona):	Latitude:	35° 55', 2 N
		Longitude:	05° 24', 2 W
From:	Taraf Allabua (Pointe Leona):	(as above)	
To:	Sakharat Moussa (Rochers Santa Catalina):	Latitude:	35° 54', 2 N
		Longitude:	05° 17', 3 W
From:	Taraf AlMina (Pointe AlMina):	Latitude:	35° 53', 8 N
		Longitude:	05° 16', 8 W
To:	Ras AlAswad (Cap Negro):	Latitude:	35° 41', N
		Longitude:	05° 16', 4 W
From:	Ras AlAswad (Cap Negro):	(as above)	
To:	Ras El Targa (Pointe Cotelle):	Latitude:	35° 24', 9 N
		Longitude:	05° 01', 1 W
From:	Ras El Targa (Pointe Cotelle):	(as above)	
To:	Ras Essayadine (Pointe des pecheurs):	Latitude:	35° 13', 2 N
		Longitude:	04° 40', 2 W
From:	Ras Essayadine (Pointe des pecheurs):	(as above)	
To:	Ras Baba (Cap Baba):	Latitude:	35° 11', 8 N
		Longitude:	04° 17', W
From:	Ras Baba (Cap Baba):	(as above)	
To:	Taraf ElKhwan (Pointe Los Frailes):	Latitude:	35° 15', 6 N
		Longitude:	03° 55', 6 W
From:	Taraf ElKhwan (Pointe Los Frailes):	(as above)	
To:	Taraf Sidi Chaib (Pointe Sidi Chaib):	Latitude:	35° 16', 3 N
		Longitude:	03° 45', W
From:	Ras Taraf (Cap Quilates):	Latitude:	35° 17', N
		Longitude:	03° 40', 7 W
To:	Taraf Betoia (Pointe Betoia):	Latitude:	35° 13', 7 N
		Longitude:	03° 12', 5 W
From:	Taraf Betoia (Pointe Betoia):	(as above)	
To:	Ras ElQedim (Cap Viejo):	Latitude:	35° 26', N
		Longitude:	02° 59', 8 W
From:	Feu des Faraina (Feu de Los Farallones):	Latitude:	35° 25', 5 N
		Longitude:	02° 56', 5 W
To:	Sakharat Restinga Attaoufania (Rochers de Restina de Tofino):	Latitude:	35° 09', 1 N
		Longitude:	02° 47', W
From:	Sakharat Restinga Attaoufania (Rochers de Restinga de Tofino):	(as above)	

To:	iles Jaafaryines (Zaffarines) (pointe Nord de Jazirat AlMou'tamar) (ile Congresso):	Latitude:	35° 11', N
		Longitude:	02° 26', 4 W
From:	iles Jaafaryines (Zaffarines) (pointe Nord de Jazirat AlMalik) (ile del Rey):	Latitude:	35° 11', 2 N
		Longitude:	02° 25', 4 W
To:	the Algerian Moroccan boundary on the Mediterranean coast.	Latitude:	35° 05', 2 N
		Longitude:	02° 12', 7 W

Article 2. The outer limit of the Moroccan territorial sea shall be drawn, at a distance of 12 nautical miles from the coast, from the low-water line and from the straight baselines and bay closing lines whose geographical coordinates are specified in Article 1:

On the Atlantic side (from north to south):

from Cap Spartel (Ras Spartel):  
Latitude: 35° 47' 18" N  
Longitude: 05° 55' 33" W

to Cap Juby (Ras Al Ayyoubi):  
Latitude: 27° 57' 14" N  
Longitude: 12° 55' 21" W

and beyond on the south Moroccan Atlantic coast.

On the Mediterranean side (from west to east):

from Punta Almina (Taraf Al-Mina):  
Latitude: 35° 53' 50" N  
Longitude: 05° 16' 45" W

to the Algerian-Moroccan boundary on the Mediterranean coast:  
Latitude: 35° 05' 12" N  
Longitude: 02° 12' 42" W

Article 3. The outer limit of the exclusive Moroccan fishing zone shall be drawn, at a distance of 70 nautical miles, from the low-water line and from the straight baselines and bay closing lines whose geographical coordinates are specified in Article 1.

On the Atlantic side (from north to south):

from Cap Spartel (Ras Spartel):  
Latitude: 35° 47' 18" N  
Longitude: 05° 55' 33" W

to Cap Draa (Ras Dra):  
Latitude: 28° 44' 00" N  
Longitude: 11° 05' 20" W

Article 4. The outer limit of the exclusive Moroccan fishing zone shall be drawn along the median line between the Moroccan coast and the foreign coasts opposite them, from the low-water line and from the straight baselines and bay closing lines whose geographical coordinates are specified in Article 1:

On the Atlantic side (from north to south):

from Cap Draa (Ras Dra):  
Latitude: 28° 44' 00" N  
Longitude: 11° 05' 20" W

to Cap Juby (Ras Al Ayyoubi):  
Latitude: 27° 57' 14" N  
Longitude: 12° 55' 21" W

and beyond on the south Moroccan Atlantic coast.

On the Mediterranean side (from west to east):

from Punta Almina (Tarf Al-Mina):  
Latitude: 35° 53' 50" N  
Longitude: 05° 16' 45" W

to the Algerian-Moroccan border on the Mediterranean coast:

Latitude: 35° 05' 12" N  
Longitude: 02° 12' 42" W

Article 5. The outer limit of the territorial sea and the exclusive Moroccan fishing zone in the Strait of Gibraltar shall be drawn along the median line between the Moroccan coast and the foreign coasts opposite them, from the bay closing lines whose geographical coordinates are specified in Article 1:

(from west to east):

from Cap Spartel (Ras Spartel):  
Latitude: 35° 47' 18" N  
Longitude: 05° 55' 33" W

to Punta Almina (Tarf Al-Mina):  
Latitude: 35° 53' 50" N  
Longitude: 05° 16' 45" W

The geographical coordinates of this median line in the Strait of Gibraltar are the following (from west to east):

Point A:  
Latitude: 35° 57' 32" N  
Longitude: 06° 03' 14" W

Point B:  
Latitude: 35° 57' 32" N  
Longitude: 05° 58' 50" W

Point C:  
Latitude: 35° 57' 08" N  
Longitude: 05° 53' 18" W

Point D:  
Latitude: 35° 56' 10" N  
Longitude: 05° 38' 58" W

Point E:  
Latitude: 35° 56' 32" N  
Longitude: 05° 34' 58" W

Point F:  
Latitude: 35° 58' 18" N  
Longitude: 05° 29' 00" W

Point G:  
Latitude: 35° 59' 19" N  
Longitude: 05° 24' 48" W

Point H:  
Latitude: 35° 59' 40" N  
Longitude: 05° 23' 11" W

Point I:  
Latitude: 36° 00' 46" N  
Longitude: 05° 16' 20" W

Point J:  
Latitude: 36° 02' 35" N  
Longitude: 05° 06' 35" W

**c. MARITIME BOUNDARIES**

MAURITANIA-MOROCCO BOUNDARY AGREEMENT

Section 1

The Parties hereto agree that the official boundary established between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Kingdom of Morocco is determined by an imaginary straight line drawn from the point of intersection of the Atlantic coast and the 24th parallel north to the point of intersection of the 23d parallel north and the 13th meridian west; the intersection of this baseline with the present boundary of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania constituting the southwestern limit of the boundary of the Kingdom of Morocco.

From this point the boundary follows in a northerly direction the present boundary of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to a point constituted by the coordinates [on a map attached to the agreement].

Section 2

The official boundary between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Kingdom of Morocco, as determined in Section 1 of this agreement, effectively bounds the surface, air space and subsurface area of the parties hereto. The boundary with regard to the continental shelf is constituted by the 24th parallel north.